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Mr. NORWOOD and Mr. POMEROY changed their vote from "yea" 'nav.'

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

COMMENDING NASA ON COMPLE-TION OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE'S SECOND RETURN-TO-FLIGHT MIS-SION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 448.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 448, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 0, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 393]

YEAS-415 Abercrombie Costello Hastings (WA) Aderholt Cramer Hayes Akin Crenshaw Hayworth Alexander Crowley Hefley Hensarling Cubin Herger Herseth Andrews Cuellar Baca Culberson Bachus Cummings Higgins Baird Davis (AL) Hinchey Baker Davis (CA) Hinojosa Baldwin Davis (IL) Hobson Barrett (SC) Davis (KY) Hoekstra Davis (TN) Holden Barrow Bartlett (MD) Davis, Tom Holt Barton (TX) DeFazio Honda. DeGette Bass Hooley Bean Delahunt Hostettler Beauprez DeLauro Hover Becerra Hulshof Dent Diaz-Balart, L. Berkley Hunter Berman Diaz-Balart, M. Hyde Berry Inglis (SC) Dicks Biggert Dingell Inslee Bilbray Doggett Israel Doolittle Bilirakis Issa Bishop (GA) Doyle Istook Jackson (IL) Bishop (NY) Drake Blackburn Dreier Jackson-Lee Blumenauer Duncan (TX) Edwards Jefferson Blunt Boehlert Jenkins Emanuel Boehner Jindal Johnson (CT) Bonilla Emerson Johnson (IL) Bonner Engel English (PA) Johnson, E. B. Bono Johnson, Sam Boozman Eshoo Boren Etheridge Jones (NC) Boswell Everett Jones (OH) Boucher Farr Kanjorski Boustany Fattah Kaptur Royd Feenev Keller Bradley (NH) Kelly Ferguson Brady (PA) Filner Kennedy (MN) Fitzpatrick (PA) Brady (TX) Kennedy (RI) Brown (OH) Flake Kildee Brown, Corrine Brown-Waite, Foley Kilpatrick (MI) Forbes Kind Ginny Ford King (IA) Burgess Burton (IN) Fortenberry King (NY) Fossella Kingston Butterfield Foxx Kirk Buver Frank (MA) Kline Knollenberg Calvert Franks (AZ) Frelinghuysen Camp (MI) Kolbe Kucinich Campbell (CA) Gallegly Garrett (NJ) Kuhl (NY) Cannon Cantor Gerlach LaHood Capito Gibbons Langevin Gilchrest Capps Lantos Capuano Gillmor Larsen (WA) Cardin Gingrey Larson (CT) Gohmert Cardoza Latham Carnahan Gonzalez LaTourette Carson Goode Leach Carter Goodlatte Lee Case Gordon Levin Castle Lewis (CA) Granger Chabot Graves Lewis (GA) Chandler Green (WI) Lewis (KY) Chocola Green, Al Linder Green, Gene Lipinski Clay Cleaver Grijalva LoBiondo Lofgren, Zoe Clyburn Gutierrez Coble Gutknecht Lowey Cole (OK) Hall Lucas Harman Lungren, Daniel Conaway Convers Harris Ε Hart Lynch Cooper Hastings (FL) Costa Mack

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NOT VOTING-17

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes left in the vote.

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So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of the bill

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of inquiring of the majority leader the schedule for the week to come; and at this time, I yield to my friend, the majority leader, Mr. BOEHNER of Ohio.

Mr. BOEHNER. I appreciate my colleague from Maryland for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene next Monday at 12:30 for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by tomorrow afternoon.

For the balance of the week, the House will consider on Tuesday H.R. 1956, the business activity tax bill from the Judiciary Committee.

On Wednesday morning at 11 there will be a joint meeting of Congress to receive His Excellency Mr. Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq. Also on Wednesday we will consider H.R. 5682, the United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act from the International Relations Committee.

On Thursday, we will consider H.R. 5766, the Government Efficiency Act, and possibly H.R. 3282, the Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act from the Committee on Government Reform.

At this point, Friday is still up in the air. Our goal is to finish on Thursday. It is not a commitment but it is my goal, and I am hopeful that we will be able to meet it. It really will depend on the number of conference reports that may or may not be completed and whether we can fit those in during the week, if they come inside, like the gentleman understands.

I am hopeful that the Voc Ed conference report can be brought up. As the gentleman knows, we have been working on the pension conference. There is no agreement as yet, but I think we are moving toward one, and I am hopeful. But we will see.

I also have an announcement about September votes, which is a change in the calendar. There will be no votes on Tuesday, September 5. I anticipate that we will consider H.R. 503, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption. We expect that to be considered that first week we are back, and I just wanted Members to be aware of it.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, I was very pleased to hear that we are going to be dealing with the Horse Protection Act. I am sure that all of us are concerned about that. I say that seriously.

But can you tell me when we might be doing the Worker Protection Act, particularly those that are working at the lower end of the scale, the minimum wage act?

Mr. BOEHNER. If the gentleman would yield.

Mr. HOYER. I vield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. We are continuing to have conversations about that issue, but no decisions as of yet. If there is, I will make sure that everyone is notified.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman, and I meant that seriously on the Horse Protection Act. I am sure it is an important piece of legislation, but we are very concerned and continue to be concerned, many, many Members on your side of the aisle continue to be concerned, about the 9 years that have transpired since we adjusted the minimum wage, no cost of living attached to it, and we are very hopeful that the majority leader and your side of the aisle will see fit to bring that forward.

We hope that you will bring it forward in a fashion that will not dilute the attention and focus on the workers, and by that I say attaching it to a tax bill or some other piece of legislation. We would hope that that would be a clean vote on the floor, and we think the majority of this House are for it. We think it is a very, very important piece of legislation, and we ask you to very seriously consider bringing it up next week if possible, but as early in September as possible.

September 29 has been put in the press as the target date at least. You mentioned one of the pieces of legislation that might be on in September. Can you tell me how definitive or definite a date that September 29 may be for the possible adjournment prior to the election?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. It is very definite.

Mr. HOYER. That is going to be the date?

Mr. BOEHNER. We are gone September 29. We will be back on November 13.

Mr. HOYER. November 13. There are all sorts of things I could say about post-election.

Mr. BOEHNER. I am sure you could. Mr. HOYER. We will be happy when we get back here on the 13th.

Mr. BOEHNER. And we will be happy,

Mr. HOYER. To proceed with whatever legislation we decide ought to be considered, realizing we won't be sworn in until January as the majority party.

Mr. BOEHNER. What we call the lame duck session.

Mr. HOYER. Yes, it will undoubtedly be a lame duck session, I tell the majority leader.

Mr. BOEHNER. The only question is who will be lame.

Mr. HOYER. We could go on a long time on this. We probably ought to move along with the schedule because you and I have a different view as to who is going to be lame and who is going to be the duck and other issues of great importance to the American people.

On the issues, the Labor-Health bill, obviously the minimum wage is one of the issues on that bill, but there are a lot of other issues on that bill as well. Do you have any expectation the Labor-Health bill will move either next week, I know it is not on the calendar, or in September?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. I appreciate my colleague for yielding. There are a number of issues related to that bill. I think it is doubtful that it will be up next week. I am hopeful that we will be able to consider it in September.

Mr. HOYER. Moving on to the pension conference report, there have been some reports that there may have been some progress in the pension conference, but I want to tell the leader again, very seriously, I read in one of the journals that the conference, or a group, had been meeting. There had been five Republicans and two Democrats.

I want to tell my friend, in all seriousness, and I have asked you to engage on this, not one Democrat from the House of Representatives has been engaged in these meetings. The two Democrats that are mentioned in that story are both Democratic United States Senators. They may be very fine United States Senators. This is a two-House, bicameral Congress.

The gentleman made a representation to me, and I take him at his word, I believe he means it, that a conference is better or a discussion on where we are going on this pension bill, a critically important bill that has been pending now for almost half a year or longer, I suppose, the gentleman knows the exact date of that, and has not moved, and during that period of time, Democrats from the House of Representatives have not been included in the pension conference. I have been, I think, pretty polite on my request to you, Mr. Leader, but this is not the process that we ought to be following. I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. I appreciate the gentleman's concerns, but I think the gentleman from Maryland understands that I am not the chairman of the conference. I don't decide when we meet, who meets or what room we meet in. I have expressed the gentleman's concerns, and hopefully we will have all of the Members together very soon.

Mr. HOYER. I hope that is the case, Mr. Leader, and again, I take you at your word. While you are not the chairman of the conference, you are the majority leader of the majority party in the House of Representatives.

Mr. BOEHNER. If the gentleman would yield, the other body is chairing this conference, and the gentleman has